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Docket No. 98P-0203/CP

Dear Sir or Madam:

I understand you have been petitioned to ban the forced molting of hens. I believe this practice is cruel and inhumane by any reasonable standard of treatment of animals. I would like to ask you that you consider this petition and investigate implementation of the eventual banning of the forced molt which is simply put intentional starvation and torture of chickens.

Thank You for your consideration.

Joe Haptas

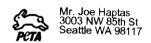
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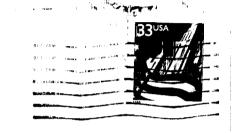
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